

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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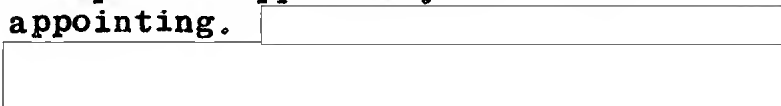
1. Situation in the
Congo



A. Hammarskjold's death will further complicate the achievement of a unified Congo, but for the moment has brought events almost to a standstill. Tshomb 50X1 professes he is still willing to talk, but plans to return soon to Elizabethville. The Tunisian Mahmoud Khiari, a senior UN official, has been ordered to Ndola to continue negotiations, but the UN claims it will not change its policy.

B. The military situation appears to have worsened somewhat. The Irish in Jadotville have surrendered, and we have several unconfirmed press reports that the base at Kamina has been overrun. Fighting has also broken out at several points in northern Katanga. In Elizabethville, UN forces hold a number of strong points, but are merely defending them.

C. The UN's military predicament stems from several factors. Neither the UN officials in charge nor the nations contributing troops want a military solution, and have since the first day of hostilities held back local commanders. The combat performance of Swedish and Irish troops has apparently been dis-



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D. The US Embassy in Leopoldville reports its concern that a truce in Katanga on Tshombé's terms will seriously weaken Adoula.

E. The USSR has so far reported Hammarskjold's death without comment, but Satellite propaganda is beginning to call for immediate institution of the "troika" system for his replacement. Yesterday's Security Council session devoted itself to eulogies and deferred consideration of a successor.

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✓ 2. Algerian rebel leaders meet Ambassador Walmsley

Walmsley concludes:

A. The Algerians were "impressed and heartened" by US willingness to talk.

B. The new government wishes to demonstrate its acceptability to the West.

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C. While firm on Saharan sovereignty, they are flexible on transitional arrangements.

Walmsley also notes the Algerians' desire to pin down the meaning of De Gaulle's "mystical language" on the Sahara. This intent is clear in the statement they issued last Friday calling for resumption of talks.

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There was another minor incident in the Berlin air corridors yesterday afternoon, when a Soviet fighter dived in front of a US Air Force transport.

The press reports that Communist guerillas in South Vietnam attached and burned a provincial capital 60 miles north of Saigon Monday, apparently the largest action they have yet undertaken. We have no official confirmation.

Nkrumah is back in Accra, and the situation there appears to have quieted down for the moment.

[redacted] the Yugoslavs have told the Soviets they are not prepared to sign a German peace treaty which is already prepared and about which no discussion is possible. [redacted] there is no point in attending a "peace conference" unless the treaty is really to be negotiated there.

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